Senate Bill No. 1266

CHAPTER 96

An act to amend Section 56375.3 of the Government Code, relating to annexation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1266, Torlakson. Annexation.

Existing law requires the local agency formation commission in each county to approve island annexations of unincorporated areas to cities that meet certain requirements. One of those requirements is that if it does not exceed 75 acres in area, that area constitutes the entire island, and that island does not constitute a part of an unincorporated area that is more than 100 acres in area.

This bill would change the 75-acre requirement to 150 acres and delete the restriction that the island does not constitute a part of an unincorporated territory that is more than 100 acres in area.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 56375.3 of the Government Code is amended to read:

56375.3. (a) In addition to those powers enumerated in Section 56375, a commission shall do either of the following:

- (1) Approve, after notice and hearing, the annexation to a city, and waive protest proceedings pursuant to Part 4 (commencing with Section 57000) entirely, if all of the following are true:
- (A) The annexation is initiated on or after January 1, 2000, and before January 1, 2007.
- (B) The annexation is proposed by resolution adopted by the affected city.
- (C) The commission finds that the territory contained in the annexation proposal meets all of the requirements set forth in subdivision (b).
- (2) Approve, after notice and hearing, the annexation to a city, subject to subdivision (a) of Section 57080, if all of the following are true:
 - (A) The annexation is initiated on or after January 1, 2007.
- (B) The annexation is proposed by resolution adopted by the affected city.

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- (C) The commission finds that the territory contained in the annexation proposal meets all of the requirements set forth in subdivision (b).
- (b) Subdivision (a) applies to territory that meets all of the following requirements:
- (1) It does not exceed 150 acres in area, and that area constitutes the entire island.
- (2) The territory constitutes an entire unincorporated island located within the limits of a city, or constitutes a reorganization containing a number of individual unincorporated islands.
 - (3) It is surrounded in either of the following ways:
- (A) Surrounded, or substantially surrounded, by the city to which annexation is proposed or by the city and a county boundary or the Pacific Ocean.
- (B) Surrounded by the city to which annexation is proposed and adjacent cities.
- (C) This subdivision shall not be construed to apply to any unincorporated island within a city that is a gated community where services are currently provided by a community services district.
- (D) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, at the option of either the city or the county, a separate property tax transfer agreement may be agreed to between a city and a county pursuant to Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code regarding an annexation subject to this subdivision without affecting any existing master tax sharing agreement between the city and county.
- (4) It is substantially developed or developing. The finding required by this subparagraph shall be based upon one or more factors, including, but not limited to, any of the following factors:
 - (A) The availability of public utility services.
 - (B) The presence of public improvements.
- (C) The presence of physical improvements upon the parcel or parcels within the area.
 - (5) It is not prime agricultural land, as defined by Section 56064.
- (6) It will benefit from the annexation or is receiving benefits from the annexing city.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, this subdivision shall not apply to all or any part of that portion of the development project area referenced in subdivision (e) of Section 33492.41 of the Health and Safety Code that as of January 1, 2000, meets all of the following requirements:
 - (1) Is unincorporated territory.
 - (2) Contains at least 100 acres.

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- (3) Is surrounded or substantially surrounded by incorporated territory.
- (4) Contains at least 100 acres zoned for commercial or industrial uses or is designated on the applicable county general plan for commercial or industrial uses.